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1. IN VIEW OF REPORTS, KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT, OF POSSIBLE TURKISH MILITARY MOVES IN NEXT FEW DAYS EMBASSY HAD MADE ADDITIONS TO CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR POSSIBLE LOCAL EMERGENCY OR EVACUATION.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE USE OF RAF STATION, NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IN EVENT OF HELICOPTER EVACUATION FROM NICOSIA. WE THEREFORE HAVE SELECTED FIVE ALTERNATE, ADDITIONAL LANDING ZONES (LZ) FOR POSSIBLE HELICOPTER PICK-UP IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

A. ONE ALPHA - ENGLISH SCHOOL (WD3240-9005), TWO AND ONE HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF EMBASSY.

B. TWO BRAVO - HOTEL SCHOOL (WD3470-9045), ONE MILE SOUTHEAST OF EMBASSY.

C. THREE CHARLE - HILTON HOTEL (WD3384-9090), THREE HUNDRED YARDS SOUTH OF EMBASSY.

D. FOUR DELTA - ARMENIAN SCHOOL (WD3347-9015), ONE MILE SOUTH OF EMBASSY.

E. FIVE ECHO - HIGHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (WD3465-8906), ONE MILE SOUTHEAST OF EMBASSY.

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3. FINAL SELECTION OF LZ CAN ONLY BE MADE ON BASIS OF LOCAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING AT TIME OF EVACUATION. EMBASSY IN POSSESSION OF WHITE SMOKE TO MARK LZ.

4. AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE WE ARE MOVING EMPLOYEES/DEPENDENTS FROM THREE HOMES LOCATED NEAR NICOSIA AIRPORT, WHICH COULD BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER IN EVENT OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG GREEN LINE. IF THERE ARE INCREASED INDICATIONS OF TROUBLE, EMBASSY WILL IMPLEMENT "STAND FAST AT HOME" PLAN FOR ALL BUT MISSION-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL. IF EVACUATION APPEARS LIKELY, WE WOULD GROUP ALL PERSONNEL AT HILTON HOTEL OR IN CHANCERY PROPER, AS WAS DONE FOR JAN 18-20 EMERGENCY. EMBASSY AND HILTON HOTEL ARE WITHIN FIVE MINUTES BY CAR FROM ALL PROPOSED CLZ'S. WITH SKELETON STAFF OPERATING OUT OF EMBASSY AND REMAINING PERSONNEL (AND DEPENDENTS) GROUPED HERE OR AT HILTON, MISSION WOULD BE WELL POSITIONED FOR QUICK DEPARTURE SHOULD CONDITIONS SO DEMAND.
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